ATTN: USDA COMMISSIONER

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Dear Sir Or Madam:

In short, we oppose the use and abuse of animals as food, especially the inhumane treatment and transportation of unhealthy animals ("downer" animals).

It is our sincere hope that one day soon agri-business as we currently know it will be forced to cease their inhumane and unsafe practices. This hope, however, will never be realized without the support of people in power, such as yourself.

Please support Docket #98P-0151/CP1. This legislation will make such a difference in the way these animals are handled by the industry. We realize that not everyone in the country will stop eating meat in their lifetime; we know that we cannot force our personal diet choices on others. However, we can have a voice in how the animals that will eventually become food for these people are treated along the way.

Sincerely,

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